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Reading I'd like you to take note of and we'll change the agenda; LB 270E we're going to move down. That has an amendment and we're going to try to read bills that don't have amendments onto them first. And then after 293, we will...there is an additional bill to be added, 293A. So the only addition you really have got to make is the order a little bit, and we are going to add the A bill on 293 and that will be read right after or considered right after 293. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Agriculture offers a confirmation report found on page 524 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The Agriculture Committee held the confirmation hearing for Merlyn Carlson, Director of Agriculture for Nebraska, on February...February 9, I believe, on Tuesday, and we have voted to confirm that appointment. There were...everybody who came to the Executive Board or the Executive Committee approved...approved the vote, Executive Session. So we would ask your favorable vote on the confirmation of Merlyn Carlson for Director of Agriculture. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. On the motion to confirm the Director of Agriculture, the Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Breathing deeply.) I knew that would get everybody's attention. In these days, deep breathing has a way of drawing notice. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have talked to Mr. Olson about what it is that I intend to...the name is Olson, isn't it? Carlson, I am sorry. Everybody looked over here at me. I stand corrected, Mr. Carlson, we had a discussion in my office about a number of things, but I also pointed out to him why I intend to vote against the nomination of any white male appointed by the Governor. Since the other day, I gave details on why I am going to do that, I will not repeat all of that this morning. But